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SS. PETER & PAUL

These two "luminaries of exceeding radiance, the all-wise Peter and Paul who have been set forth as heads of the disciples, radiating with the fire of the Divine Spirit and burning up June 29/July 12. We know much about them as they are frequently mentioned in the Gospels, the Epistles and in the Acts of the Apostles.

The first 12 chapters of The Acts focus largely on St. Peter. The remaining 16 chapters center on the activities of St. Paul. Except for brief references in St. Paul's letters and a note concerning St. Peter's presence at the conference in Jerusalem, the last we hear officially of Peter is in Acts 12:17: "He declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said: 'Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren.' And he departed and went to another place." From here on we rely on tradition.

What a momentous change had taken place in Peter's life since that day only a few years before when his brother, Andrew, introduced him to Jesus! (John 1:40-42) What happened to make the difference between an unknown fisherman headed for oblivion and a saint whose name and godly influence would last for centuries? Peter found in Jesus the answer to his deepest needs and he gave Him his loyalty and love. In return he received from Christ newness of life for which he was willing to undergo enormous hardship and persecution. We note with interest that Peter did not become a perfect person. As long as we know anything about him, he remained very human. But we take courage from this as we know that Christ used Peter in spite of his faults, weaknesses, and failures.

A great change had also occurred in St. Paul's life. As Saul, he persecuted the Christians. He was defending his faith from what he believed to be deadly enemies. But he was troubled by the way Christians under persecutions met death — with such a triumphant spirit. On his way to Damascus to persecute more

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The restless unknown longing
Of my searching soul won't cease
Until God comes in glory
And my soul at last finds peace.

YOU CAN CONTROL

It isn't the real calamities that cause most of the unhappiness in life. In fact, many people seem better able to cope with serious setbacks than with the minor irritations of everyday life.

Those who permit themselves to be at the mercy of petty annoyances will probably be unhappy or discontented or feeling under stress much of the time. They will become too rigid in their thinking and unable to change as the situations demand.

One must learn to bend.

If you will observe tall trees during a windstorm, you will notice they sway rather than remain rigid. This is why they survive. If they refused to bend they would snap.

It becomes easier to adjust when we realize there can never be any one prescribed way to judge a situation or a person. Current circumstances are often the determining factor, and circumstances are constantly changing. The sooner we learn to sway or bend as the occasion demands, the better for our peace of mind. What might be perfectly acceptable to us in one set of circumstances might be objectionable in another. Therefore, if we judge everything from only one viewpoint — ours — we are not being realistic.

This does not mean we should change our code of ethics for any reason. We are referring to the minor irritations we are constantly called upon to deal with in our everyday living.

Another mistake many of us frequently make is judging others based upon our own viewpoints. We don't approve of what they are doing, but we don't stop to consider there may be circumstances of which we are unaware causing their behavior.

A little reflection will show you how

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USING THE GIFT?

We've all heard a great deal about the gifts or fruit of the Holy Spirit, and might be wondering what they are. We know that we receive them when we are Chrismated (Confirmed) which is done right after Baptism, and many don't realize that the two Sacraments are done without interruption. During anointing with the Holy Chrism we receive these gifts which help to rear and strengthen us in the spiritual life, and to render us strong, firm and invincible in faith, in love and hope; that without fear we will confess the name of Christ before anyone; that we will grow in all virtues free from the devil and preserve our soul in purity and righteousness. (1 John 2:20; 2 Cor. 1:21-22).

What are these gifts which will help us to achieve these goals? They are listed in Gal. 5:22-23. These gifts are: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness (graciousness), faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (continence).

It is important that no listing of gifts can take into account all of the spiritual blessings poured out by the Holy Spirit upon God's people.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; working in all sorts of different ways in different people. Each of us has received the gifts in Christmation, but in all of us some of the gifts are more used than others. One of us might have a special ability to bring comfort or counsel to the suffering, another has the capacity to teach and explain things clearly, another has the gift of seeing the positive in a negative situation, and another to transform drabness into beauty.

The gifts of the Spirit are given to help us become such people that we will build up the community of the Lord. They are intended to strengthen us in the faith so that we can share them with others and contribute to the good of all spiritually. For this reason, when we are using the gifts the Spirit gives, we become the clearest signs of His Presence.

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IF YOU HAVE AN OLD INSURANCE POLICY written on a company which has gone bankrupt do not discard it. Despite being bankrupt the policy could be paid by guaranty funds which have been set up and regulated by individual state laws. If you have questions about a policy, contact your state's Department of Insurance and they will put you in touch with the proper state authorities.

PATRIARCH DEMETRIOS, the Ecumenical Patriarch will visit the U.S. in July. He will be the celebrant at a service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Johnstown, PA on Wednesday, July 18.

ORTHODOX PEOPLE TOGETHER, a transjurisdictional network of Orthodox dedicated to united witness in North America, held a meeting recently at which it was decided to encourage people to save paper icons from Church calendars, bulletins, etc. which are usually discarded. They will be collected and sent to countries where Orthodox religious items are scarce. Distribution centers have been coordinated. For info write: Paper Icon Project, Phil Tamoush, PO Box 1128, Torrance, CA 90505.

OCCUPATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX PROPERTY in Jerusalem by Jewish occupants has been protested by the Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops meeting on April 19. Letters were sent to President Chaim Herzog of Israel and Secretary of State Baker III.

THE CANADIAN DIOCESE of the OCA will hold a meeting this month and nominations for episcopal candidates for the See of Ottawa will be discussed.

NESTING DOLLS, among them those brought from Russia are now collector's items. A book about them is available and a club is being formed, write Michele Lyons Lefkovitz, 5642 N. Broadway, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

HELLENIC COLLEGE in Boston is a fully accredited Orthodox Christian institution. It is the only college in the U.S. where Orthodox Christian values are held and taught. Write: 50 Goddard Ave., Boston, MA 02146.

INDONESIA now has an Orthodox missionary. Fr. Daniel Byantoro, a native of Indonesia, was a Moslem. He was converted to Orthodoxy while attending a Protestant seminary in Korea. He graduated from Holy Cross Orthodox Seminary and was ordained for mission work in his own country. He faces great difficulties, among them is getting Orthodoxy recognized as a "legitimate" religion. At the present time there are five religious groupings. For info or help write: Agape Fund, Fr. John Chakos, 123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228.

AN EXPERIMENTAL LITURGY that uses feminine language has been added as a supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer in the Episcopal Church. The Trinity is referred to as "One in Three and Three in One."

MEETING WITH CHURCH-RELATED AID AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES in Geneva, Russian Orthodox (U.S.S.R.) representatives said it was not an easy decision to ask for help, as the Church has a reputation for self-sufficiency, but "We have not the idological basis for evangelism and mission. We do not know how to prepare a new quality of diaconal work, and we do not have the material and financial basis to meet these needs." Especially noted was diaconal work in response to various social and religious problems in the country such as church work in hospitals, prisons and homes for aged. Plans were also under way to establish a Russian Orthodox youth organization.

HOMESCHOOLING information is sought by Orthodox America, PO Box 2132, Redding, CA 96099. Any Orthodox parent or educator who has experience with homeschooling and wish to share their experience or expertise is asked to write.

IGOR SIKORSKY was born 100 years ago in Kiev. To honor him a special exhibit, which will run through 1990, has been set up in the Smithsonian Museum (National Air and Space Museum) in Washington, DC. Best known for designing and flying the first helicopter, his other accomplishments were many. Five years after flying the helicopter, at age 25 in 1913, he flew a four-engine, 9500 pound aircraft over St. Petersburg. One year later, he set a record for passenger load in an airplane when he made a trip with 16 passengers and his dog. With this second flying machine, the Illya Muromets, he made an unprecedented roundtrip from St. Petersburg to Kiev, a distance of about 1600 miles. At 29 years of age, in 1917 he fled Russia, leaving everything behind him. He had problems becoming established in the U.S., but in 1929 his flying boat, known as the S-38, was selected by Pan American Airways for its inaugural airmail flight from Miami to the Panama Canal. Lindberg was at the controls. From flying boats he went to the first practical helicopter in 1938. He settled in Stratford, Connecticut and was instrumental in establishing a Russian Orthodox parish and Church. Many of the parishioners were workers who followed him from Long Island to Stratford.

THE MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE'S BISHOPS COUNCIL meeting in January reorganized into three: The Belorussian Orthodox Church, The Russian Orthodox Church, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Each Church would have a synod of five ruling bishops who would have "supreme legislative, executive and judicial power." The relationship of the two new divisions to the Patriarchate is not clear.

Dabs of Thoughts

Heard at a church dedication: "The architects designed a beautiful building; the contractors built a beautiful building; the inconographer enhanced the beautiful building; but it is up to us to make this building a house of prayer. We must add a prayer consciousness to the walls. The thoughts we think and the words we speak will add vibration to this physical structure. We must strive to keep our thoughts, prayers and words as spiritual as we can. In this way we will make this place a home of prayer."

A certain attitude is developing within the church today. It is "What can I get out of the church?" rather than "What can I give?" This is a result of failing to recognize that the one who seeks happiness never finds it, but the one who lives to help and serve God and others is the one who finds true fulfillment and meaning in life. This is the great paradox of the Christian life — before one can truly live, there must be death — death to the aims of the world. This is what the apostle Paul is referring to in Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loves me, and gave Himself for me." Christ must be the Lord of every area of our life. The only ones who are truly happy are those who have surrendered every area of their lives to Christ and His teachings.

"I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found by you."

Jeremiah 29:11-14

No kneeling on Sundays has been stressed to such an extent that it is rare to see people kneeling for prayer at any time. We seem to have forgotten that kneeling is an integral part of prayer in the Orthodox Church and prostrations of varying degrees are mandated. Icons of saints are shown kneeling in prayer and in their "Lives" we read about the length and depth of prayer of saints while kneeling.

ST. JUSTIN

Commemorated on June 1/14 is Saint Justin, Martyr-Philosopher. He was born of wealthy pagan parents in Flavia Neapolis, which was located north of Jerusalem. He was given a good education studying one system of philosophy after another. But he felt that he did not find the truth about God in any of them. He was especially intrigued by Platonic and Stoic ideas. One day while he was walking on the beach, he fell into conversation with an elderly man who told him about Christ and His teachings. He explained to Justin that Christ was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah. Before they parted the man told Justin to pray for light to understand. In passing, Justin had heard about Christians when he was studying Plato and had wondered why they showed such great courage and fearlessness in the face of the terrible Roman persecutions.

Upon closer study of Christianity, Justin knew that he had found the truth for which he had been searching. He accepted Christianity and was baptized sometime between 133 and 137 AD when he was about 30 years old. It was difficult for him to obtain much information about the Christians meeting because they carefully guarded their new religion as they did not want the sacred mysteries to be profaned by the pagans. Justin overcome with zeal was convinced that many people would embrace Christianity if they only had an easier way to learn about it. He traveled from place to place proclaiming the gospel. He wrote several books which set forth the moral values of Christianity, and contain some of the earliest accounts of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and many interesting personal accounts which are invaluable in studying about Christianity in the second century.

Justin was the founder of the science of Christian apologetics. Apologetics is that branch of theology which formally defends, on grounds of reason, the divine origin and authority of Christianity.

His pagan enemies were enraged at his defense of the Christian Faith. He was condemned to die when he refused to sacrifice to the gods. He was beheaded along with five other men and a woman around the year 165. His relics are to be found in Rome in a Capuchin monastery.

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Christians, Saul had time to think. Suddenly there was a flash of light brighter than the sun and he was struck to the ground. A voice said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." (Acts 9:1-9) He was temporarily blinded and had to be led by the hand to Damascus. All other distractions were removed to enable him to concentrate on the inner vision. He needed to find the meaning of this shattering experience. It called for an about face in his thinking. He spent three years living alone in the Arabian desert and then he plunged into a life of intense missionary activity which is well documented in the Epistles. He himself faced much persecution and imprisonment and was beheaded for his Christian faith.

The stichera mentioned at the beginning of this article ends with a precise of how the Church views them: "They worthily attained their abode in the kingdom on high, being equal in grace and rank..."

A fast is set prior to the day of their commemoration on June 29/July 12. It runs from June 11 until the day. It gives us time to meditate on the lives of these two saints and a good time to read about them in the Scriptures.

•You Can Control

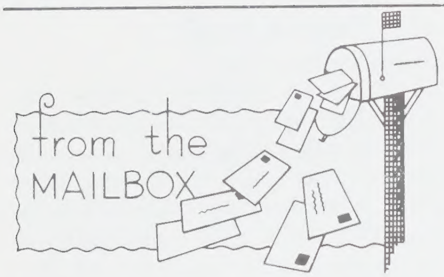
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foolish it is to give people or situations the power to upset and disturb you. Keep in mind that if you can control your reactions, people or situations have no power over you. Once you absorb the fact that your reactions are a matter of your own choosing, you will find it easier. Don't allow outside circumstances to make life miserable for you. Set high standards and ideals. Expect the best of yourself and others.

However, under certain circumstances, when you have to accept less than the best, be willing to bend and adjust to whatever the current circumstances demand.

No one can really let you down. It is true another person may not live up to your expectations, but who are you to judge? You may not be living up to another's expectation of you!

"O Lord and Master of my life ... give me the spirit of continence, of meekness, of patience, and of love ... grant that I see my own transgressions and judge not my brother."



I brought someone to my Church during Lent. She wanted some literature about our religion. I am ashamed to say that the only thing there was to give her was some out-of-date, very hard to understand folders. I have read the "Herald" for years and know that this gives up-to-date, easy to understand material. I want to sponsor a Packet for my Church. Send me information.

AG

TOH is my favorite Orthodox publication. It gives me information of Orthodox happenings in the Chronology, it gives me prize Russian recipes in Kitchen Corner, it gives me articles of comfort, inspiration and encouragement and it amuses me in the Ethnic Chuckle. Have you ever considered increasing the number of issues?

JF

I have been reading the "Herald" for thirty-one years. I hope I can read it 'til I get to be a hundred.

GER

Matushka, your recipe in the March issue certainly did bring back some pleasant memories. I sure do remember my dear mom putting those good donuts on that brown paper to drain. She used brown paper for other cooking uses, also. That was so long, long ago. Memories!

JW

I am enclosing a gift subscription. Since I got married five years ago and moved south my father has made sure that I get **The Orthodox Herald** all the time. I really like reading it and sharing it with my friends. Since I can't be with my dad in his parish, this makes me feel as if I am. Thank you.

JKR

I enjoy reading **The Orthodox Herald**. I like its short format. It makes it easy to fit in during a busy day. Yet it allows full use as a meditation during prayer times.

PP

FEAR AT THE FIRST PENTECOST

Pentecost will be celebrated on June 3 this year. The date varies from year to year as it is dependent upon Pashka/Easter and comes precisely 50 days after it.

Pentecost reminds us that the story of the Christian Church is born amidst death and fear. This birth is something the disciples have been waiting for to bring forth new life and new hope. The community on that first Pentecost are gathered together in one place. Fear predominates. The Lord has ascended. The religious and civil authorities are breathing murderous threats. The Spirit has not yet been given.

All in all, the misery index is pretty high. It is into this fear that the Spirit descends: "Suddenly, from up in the sky there came a noise like a strong, driving wind ... tongues of fire appeared ... all were filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:2-4.

Here is God, coming upon His people in a new way, giving them everything they need to serve Him and to minister to their fellow men. A group of common, ordinary people, terrified by their enemies and deeply conscious of their own weaknesses, are suddenly granted a strength they never knew before. God, who had sent His Son in human flesh, now sends His Spirit to indwell His people.

Something new has come into being: the Church of Christ. The Good News is heard by a multitude who come from many lands, and who are amazed to hear about God in their own language. The gospel is loose in the world!

Let there be no mistake about the relevancy of these truths to us: God wants people everywhere to hear the Good News, and He will equip us to share our faith with others. We fear today not from civil or religious authorities but the opinion of our fellowmen who think it is wrong to speak of God or His Church. May the Holy Spirit help us to witness to Jesus in a world which often disputes His Lordship.

We pray: "Kindly Spirit, bring relief and consolation ... shine on the hearts of the faithful ... rain down your grace. Amen."

MISSION FUND

Copies of the paper are sent to areas other than Alaska to do "mission" work. Helping are John Volosin, Richard C. Newman, Sophia Ewachniuk, Mary Ciko, Vera Vrabel, Anna Glovach, Julia Bruska, Genevieve Caravanos.



VACATION

There are many people who take vacations from God in the summer because it is hotter than usual. It is not that most people need this vacation from God, because they do not devote very much time to Him in the cooler weather.

All we wish to bring to your attention is that we hope that the members of the Church will continue faithfully to worship God, to say their prayers throughout the Summer season and to support their church. It may not always be possible to attend the services in your Parish Church, but wherever you are please plan to worship God in His Church on Sunday.

Giving is a visible part of our worship. We ask that people who are going to be away for any length of time, see to it that your envelopes are brought in or your offerings paid in advance. Expenses of your church go on throughout the summer and it is not fair to the church committees to have to wrestle with a budget to which you don't donate on time or withhold giving during several months of the year.

So you are urged to worship God every Sunday by attending Divine Liturgy, to receive Confession and Communion during the two Lents in the summer and to substantiate your worship by keeping your giving to the Church up-to-date. We hope that you have a good Summer, and will be so refreshed that the Fall will hold great promise of advancement in your spiritual life.

ALASKA FUND

Helping to send copies of **The Orthodox Herald** to Alaska are: Dorothy Karlak, Mary Ciko, Don Holobinko, Julia Bruska, Clifford Argue, Genevieve Caravanos, Steve and Lenora Evancho, Alexis Michael Fedec, Sophie Ewachniuk, Richard C. Newman, Vera Vrabel, John Volosin. Marie McGovern in memory of her sister, Verna Key.



EDITORS' NOTES

The changes in the USSR and Eastern Europe brought hope to the Orthodox world that the situation under which the Orthodox Church was functioning would be eased. In the USSR, there seems to be freedom of worship, especially in the large cities, but the new laws governing the Church have not as yet been released, although they have been promised many months ago.

The freedom of worship has brought with it unforeseen situations. It seems that many denominations sadly lacking knowledge of the strong Orthodox Christian tradition among the people of the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries have with zeal started campaigns to "bring the Word of Christ to Russia," "to Christianize Russia," "to bring the Bible to Russia," etc. We resent the implications that orthodoxy is not Christian or that Orthodox do not use, love and cherish the Bible.

Televangelists have already penetrated the country. Robert Schuller delivered a 15-minute sermon on Soviet TV on Dec. 25, which was seen by an estimated 200 million people. Pat Robertson has received permission to open a ministry center in Moscow to distribute Bibles, tracts, other Christian literature and videos. Both men are asking for donations of three figures to finance this venture. At a Religious Broadcasters meeting in January, others showed an interest in following suit.

The Roman Catholic Church, which is well aware of the Orthodox Church, is also ready to "conquer Mother Russia," according to an article in **30 Days**. Meanwhile what are the Orthodox in this country doing to feed the spiritual hunger shown by peoples in those countries? Not much. There are several organizations which are sending books and literature to the USSR and there is a program of broadcasts beamed into the Soviet Union. All are begging for financial help.

While pressure has eased on the Orthodox Church and its adherents in Eastern Europe, it is tightening on it in Israel. An incident which was reported in this country concerned the settlement of 150 Jewish seminarians and their families into buildings in the Old City of Jerusalem in the Christian Quarter. The buildings are owned by the Greek Orthodox Church and were leased by an Armenian businessman to a dummy Panamanian company. The Ministry of Housing of Israel reluctantly admitted that it had helped finance the leasing by using public funds. About 1.8 million dollars was used. It was disturbing to see photos of Patriarch of Jerusalem Diodorus I and Bishop Timothy being tear-gased and lying on the ground when they tried to protest the occupants moving in. This happened on Holy Thursday. For more information on the history of ownership and occupants of the Christian quarters, read **Hellenic Chronicle**, April 26 issue, page 5, an article by Andrew Kopan, PhD. Write 324 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02115.

We are members of an international community of Orthodox believers. What happens in this community should be of our concern. We have to send Orthodox Christian material into places where people are hungry for it. Start a group in your parish to fill this concern with material help and prayers. Ask your parish priest for help. We will furnish addresses next month where you or your group can write or call for more detailed information.

Matushka Nina Stroyen

GATES OF HELL

We sometimes hear someone say that the Church will always be around because the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Where did this come from and what does the phrase mean? The phrase comes from Matthew 16:18 where Jesus said: "I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The gates of hell is not an easy picture for us to understand, unless we know what place the area around gates played in Biblical times. It was the custom of the elders and rulers to meet and dispense counsel and justice at the gate. They discussed political, legal and social questions. Here legal transactions were conducted and witnessed, cases were tried and judgment pronounced and even family or social problems handled like the father in Deut 21:9 who brought his rebellious and disobedient son "to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives," so that judgment will be made and justice done. Such assemblies were the ultimate authority in all matters, and it was there that all of God's statutes were promulgated. It was an honor to sit at the gates as we read in Proverbs 31:23 "and her husband becometh a distinguished person in the gates, when he sitteth in council..."

According to Orthodox teaching, the phrase "gates of hell" signify not only the power of hell, but the "staff" of hell's powers, their chief assembly dedicated to meeting and devising a plan of general combat with the Church. The Church and hell are two warring forces, and in its battles with hell, the Church, in accordance with Christ's words, shall remain invincible. The power, the government of Hades will not prevail.

We must state here that if you use some of the newer translations of the Bible you will find that they translate this verse as "not even death or the power of death will be able to overcome it." We checked the phrase in our Russian Bible and find that it reads "gates of hell."

BOLD TO SAY

In the Divine Liturgy just before the Lord's Prayer, the priest prays: "And make us worthy, O Master, with boldness and without condemnation to dare to call upon Thee, the heavenly God, our Father and to say..."

With boldness ... to call upon Thee. Why are we bold to call upon Him? I used to think that this was just a rhetorical way of introducing the prayer, but now I think that the word "Boldness" is there to acknowledge the fact that only Jesus Christ has the right to call God His natural father. The rest of us are, indeed, bold to make the claim.

God does not play by anyone's rules. In no way are we trying to limit God. But our belief is that those who have been baptized by water in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour have moved into a closer relationship with God as father and themselves as children and are among those who look forward to eternal life with God.

To understand and really pray the Lord's Prayer, we must be in this kind of father/child relationship with God.



I appreciate receiving old cookbooks from you. Some of you want to give your old book with all your little notes written in, cover missing, spotted from use, etc. to someone who would put it to good use. Thank you. The more battered they are, the more they were used.

The Russians do not have many desserts. One which was traditionally made in winter has the intriguing name of Snowballs or Snezhka. The recipe is similar to the American Floating Island. We like to eat the Snowballs in the summer as they make a nice light dessert. If you serve them on Pentecost, place halved strawberries around the Snowballs to signify the flames which fell upon the apostles. (Acts 2:3)

SNOWBALLS IN CUSTARD SAUCE (SNEZHKI)

Snowballs

3 egg whites
1¼ cup milk
¼ teas. vanilla
2½ Tbls. powdered sugar

Custard

1 Tbls. sugar
1 Tbls. cornstarch
½ teas. vanilla
2 Tbls. milk
3 egg yolks

Beat egg whites until stiff adding powdered sugar gradually. Heat milk in double boiler. Add vanilla. Bring to boil. Put heaping tablespoons of the egg whites into the milk. When they rise to the top they are ready. Lift out with perforated spoon and put onto flat platter to cool. Meanwhile, make custard. Mix sugar with cornstarch. Stir in the 2 Tbls. cold milk. Mix until smooth and add to milk in which Snowballs were cooked. Cook until mixture thickens, mixing constantly. Beat egg yolks. Pour a little of the hot liquid over the eggs, stirring constantly. Add to rest of milk. Cook 1 minute. Flavor with vanilla. Pour into sherbert dishes and float the Snowballs on top. Chill and serve. (Place halved strawberries around Snowballs, if desired.)



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1. John 17:18-26
2. John 21:15-25
3. John 7:37-52, 8:12 - Pentecost
4. Matt 18:10-20
5. Matt 5:25-5:13
6. Matt 5:20-26
7. Matt 5:27-32
8. Matt 5:33-41
9. Matt 5:42-48
10. Matt 10:32-38; 19:27-30 - Sunday
11. Matt 6:31-34, 7:9-11
12. Matt 7:15-21
13. Matt 7:21-23
14. Matt 8:23-27
15. Matt 9:14-17
16. Matt 7:1-8
17. Matt 4:18-23 - Sunday - Father's Day
18. Matt 36-10:8
19. Matt 10:9-15
20. Matt 10:16-22
21. Matt 10:23-31
22. Matt 10:32-36, 11:1
23. Matt 7:24-8:4
24. Matt 6:22-33 - Sunday
25. Matt 11:2-15
26. Matt 11:16-20
27. Matt 11:20-26
28. Matt 11:27-30
29. Matt 12:1-8
30. Matt 8:14-23

BIBLE STUDY

Chapter 5 of St. Matthew begins: "And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them." This introductory sentence is important for us to understand if we are to study chapters 5, 6, and 7. I read from a Bible that has all the word of Jesus in red. These three chapters are almost completely red. Here Jesus gave a distillation of His teachings.

"When He was seated..." Why is it necessary for us to know that He gave this talk seated and not standing? At the time of Jesus when a rabbi was teaching officially he sat. He could give instruction standing or walking about, but official teaching was done when he took his seat. This statement telling us that Jesus sat, indicates that what Jesus was about to say was official and central to His teaching. It is interesting that today this idea of a seat is carried on in when we speak of a professor's chair, the Pope speaking ex cathedra, or of a chairman of a meeting.

"Then He opened His mouth and taught them..." This is not just an old-fashioned way of saying "He spoke." In Greek this means that a grave, solemn and important speech was to follow. It is used when a person fully opens His heart and mind to another. Here it means to us that the Sermon on the Mount and the other teachings the three chapters contain are central to Jesus' heart and mind. Here Jesus speaks of murder, adultery, divorce, oaths love, charitable deeds, fasting, prayer, wealth, judging, false and true teachings, etc. These chapters would make an excellent choice for Bible Study Classes.

CHUCKLE

The teacher asked her second graders if they knew the last line to "The Star Spangled Banner." Timmy raised his hand and proudly answered: "And the home of the brave. Play ball!"

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